



International Association of Workforce Professionals Montana State Chapter

WHEREAS, President Carter, following his swearing-in ceremony in 1977, put among his highest priorities the plight of hundreds of thousands of unemployed Disabled and Vietnam-Era veterans across the country, he implemented the Disabled Veterans Outreach Program (DVOP). The program hired 2000 Disabled Vietnam-Era Veterans and placed them in one hundred major cities across the country, as one of his initiatives to kick start the economy and to bring Disabled and Vietnam-Era Veterans back into the mainstream of the labor market; and

WHEREAS, the DVOP has continued to change over the past thirty years, with the focus still on Disabled Veterans with significant barriers to employment. In the 1990's the program helped to place thousands of veterans in jobs after the Desert Storm military downsizing; today, in 2007 the DVOP's are again helping our returning disabled, combat injured, and war time veterans to secure jobs and return to their normal lives; and

WHEREAS, 2007 marks the 30th Anniversary of the DVOP; a program that has touched the lives of thousands of veterans across the country and has become an intricate part of the community by working with other veteran service providers to secure veteran benefits, training, and employment, saving tax payers millions of dollars each year, thus making a difference to veterans, their families, and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Montana State Chapter of the International Association of Workforce Professionals, and all its members, do recognize and support the efforts of the DVOP program and the staff during this 30th Anniversary year. This program has had a tremendous impact on the lives of disabled veterans and their families across the country since 1977.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DeeDe Baker, Montana State Chapter President, do hereby recognize and support November 2007, as

The 30th Anniversary of the Disabled Veterans Outreach Program

I urge all members of the Montana State Chapter and employees of the Montana Department of Labor and Industry to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 31st day of October, 2007

DeeDe Baker